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PETER PAULSER KIMBERLING... **WHO ARE YOUR PARENTS?**

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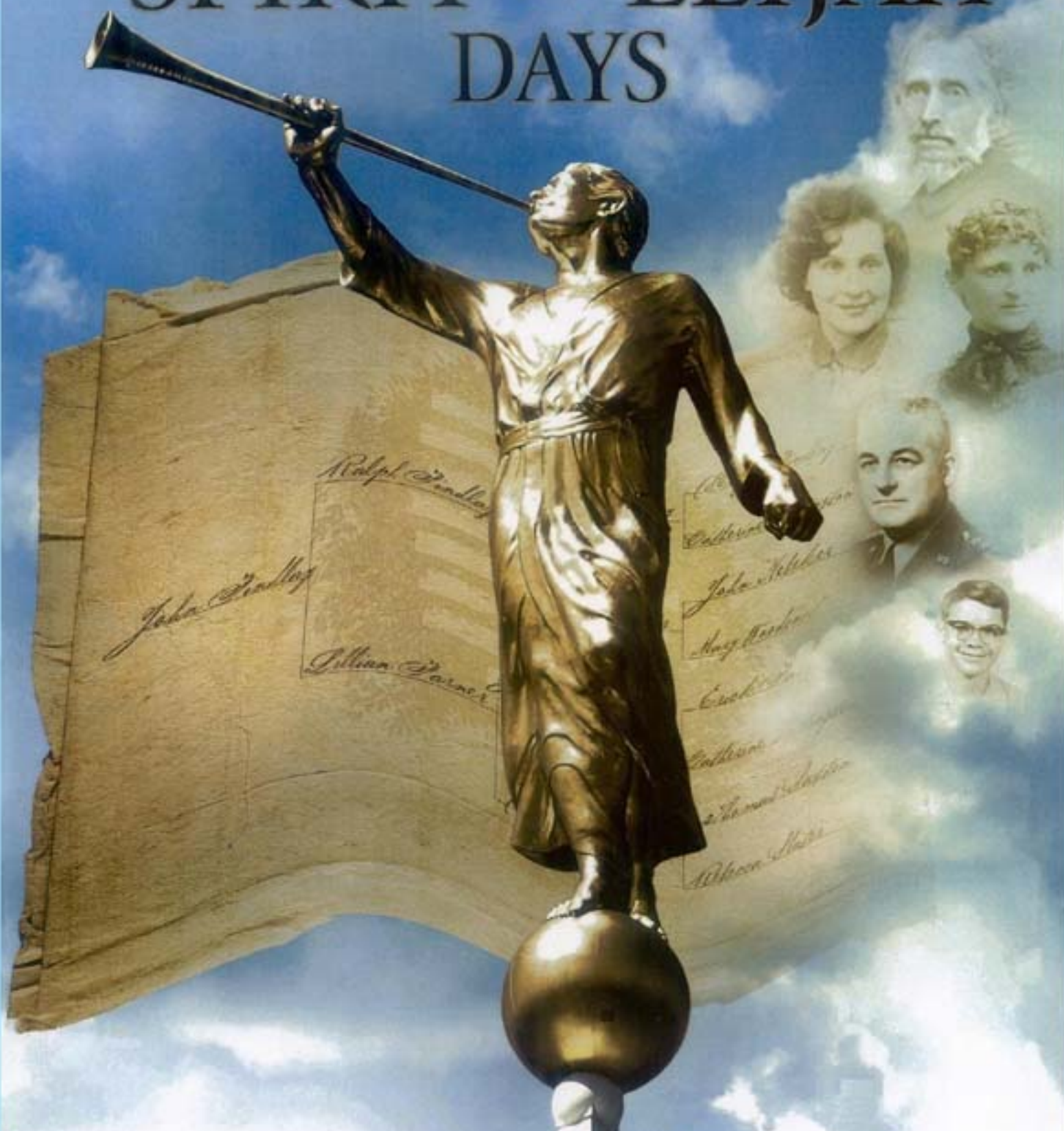
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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



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FIRST OF ALL...LET'S GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT

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The following is a list of ancestry.com trees that support the above hypothesis that Jacob Fridrich & Mary Magdalene (**SCHUMAKER**) Kummerlin family are the parents of Peter Paulzer Kimberling and siblings without proof and/are ignoring what little evidence has been presented.

Small Family Tree owner: cricket1062 ---copied
Kimberlin Family Tree owner: linney11z ---copied
Camm/Marsh/Austin Family Tree owner: jlbaldwinz ---copied
Paul Family Tree owner: scottpaul4000 ---copied
Garrison, Ritchie, Kimberlin, Dobbs Family Trees owner: ReginaGarrison1962 ---copied
Family Tree owner: hkouns ---copied
Hunsucker Family Tree owner: bubblybrew4u ---copied
Cook Family Tree owner: cookdenise1 ---looks copied needs verification
Spaw-Fitch Family Tree owner: tiffanyspaw ---looks copied needs verification
Danbury/John Family Tree owner: Peter_Danbury ---copied
Pratt Family Tree owner: PatriciaPratt51 ---copied
Kimberlin Family Tree owner: tonyk1967 ---copied
Cox Family Tree owner: susanleach7 ---copied
C.A. Kimberlin Family Tree owner: tonyk1967 ---copied
Seankathleenpeggyancestors owner: seanhalem458 ---looks copied needs verification

There are no less than 15 family trees supporting the Jacob Fridrich & Mary Magdalene (**SCHUMAKER**) Kummerlin family. Lots of dates and places...no supporting evidence and most of the trees if not all have copied from someone else's tree. Even the trees that look original appear to have been copied from other work.

No footnotes, no source data, to references, just basic raw data. It appears we are dealing with non-researchers and this confuses the research and injects too much speculation to be valid.

Let's get down to what my research has determined and see what we can find.

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JACOB FRIDRICH & MARY MAGDALENE (SCHUMAKER) KUMMERLIN

This first section deals with Jacob Fridrich & Mary Magdalene (**SCHUMAKER**) Kummerlin and family.

In one of the above trees, the first red flag I found deals with a marriage date for the above of 20 January 1741 in Botetourt Colony, Virginia, British Colonies. As usual, they fail to disclose their sources or even make a comment as to where they found the data.

However, with a quick check in Virginia history, I discovered that Botetourt County, Virginia was not created until 1769 from parent Augusta County.

Therefore, how could there be a marriage record in 1741 in Botetourt County, Virginia for Jacob Fridrich & Mary Magdalene (**SCHUMAKER**) Kummerlin 28 years before the creation of Botetourt County, Virginia?

Another researcher's tree: Cook Family Tree owner: cookdenise1 offers a more realistic marriage date of 14 July 1744 in Swaigern, Stetten, Huechelberg, Wertemberger, Germany. Looks good, but once again no documentation.

With these marriages taking place in 1741-1744 places our subjects in either Virginia or in Germany at the time of their marriage.

This brings us to another source of documentation as to when they arrived in Pennsylvania, British Colonies.

Consider the following:

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s about Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin

Name:	Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin
Year:	1750
Place:	Pennsylvania
Family Members:	Wife Maria M. Schuemacher; Daughter Maria Eva; Son Johann Adam; Son Johann Reinhard; Daughter Maria Catharina
Source	1031.8
Publication Code:	
Primary Immigrant:	Kummerlin, Jacob Fridrich
Annotation:	Date and port of arrival or date and place of naturalization. Span indicates period between last mention of emigrant in country of origin and first mention of his residence in the New World. "Surname, ..." indicates a variation of a surname.
Source Bibliography:	BURGERT, ANNETTE KUNSELMAN. Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America. Publications of the Pennsylvania German Society, 16/19. Birdsboro, PA: The Pennsylvania German Society. Vol. 1: The Northern Kraichgau. 1983. 461p.
Page:	223

There are several problems with the above 1750 Passenger and Immigration record.

First of all, this 1750 Passenger and Immigration record states that Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin had a wife named Maria M. (**SCHUEMACHER**) Kummerlin with daughters; Maria Eva (**KUMMERLIN**); Maria Catharina (**KUMMERLIN**) and sons; Johann Adam Kummerlin; Johann Reinhard Kummerlin. Also, he immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1750.

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Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin having a wife by 1750 would indicate they were married in their country of origin. Some of the above trees do list a place in Germany but once again, no repository for the data.

Also, the names on the ship passenger list would indicate they were of the Catholic or Protestant faith. There should be baptismal dates for his children. Why haven't they been found?

One tree includes the following...

Kimberling Sources

Sources:

Title: Kimberling Kin from East to West, 1750-1983

Author: Joyce (Kimberling) Kuhnle

Publication: Family genealogy

Note: Joyce along with help from others created this wonderful book on the Kimberling Families

Repository:

Title: Kimberling and Harrison genealogy. FTW

Repository:

No repository listed and no references to this work in any of the posted trees above. What significance this book has to the Kimberling contribution is unknown.

SADLY, THAT'S ALL THERE IS...

This is about all there is to this family. Not one of those trees listed above has decided to share their resources but they just assign people to the family without supporting evidence.

The shame of these researchers consists of copying others work without validating or verifying the material listed. This type of material posted on ancestry.com is useless to others and renders all research to be invalid...requiring new research.

A waste of time, resources, money and energy when one post other's work without validation or references.

The following are my reasons why I believe Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein are the parents of Peter Paulzer Kimberling and his siblings.

HANS JACOB & MARY MAGDALENA (RHINEHART) KÜMMERLEIN

Back in 1976 when I began my research on the Pratt family and allied lines, I ran across several researchers who had been researching the Kimberlin(g) family for years.

They guided me into the Augusta and Botetourt Counties of Virginia and helped convince me they were on the right track.

The following material are my and their research notes, sources and documentation concerning Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein family.

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The first place we pick up on Hans Jacob Kummerlein is his 1733 arrival in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, British Colony.

My Hans Jacob Kümmerlein immigrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Colony on 17 August 1733 aboard the ship Samuel leaving Rotterdam.

[1] Source

1733 Arrival in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Colony age 24

"Pennsylvania German Pioneers Vol I.", page 106:

A Jacob Kimmerling, age 24, arrived at Philadelphia on the ship Samuel, August 17, 1733 from Rotterdam. (His name is given as Hans Jacob Kaemmerlin, (page 111). and Hans Jacob Kummerlin page 112.) **No wife or children are listed.**

[2] Source

"Pennsylvania German Pioneers Vol I.", page 110:

"At the Courthouse of Philadelphia, August 17th 1733. Ninety Palatines, who with their families, making in all Two hundred & Ninety persons, were imported here in the Ship Samuel of London, Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam, but last of Deal, as by Clearance thence."

[3] Source

From the Minutes of Provincial Council, printed in Colonial Records, Vol. III, P. 515.

(List 29B) Palatines imported in the ship Samuel. of London, Hugh Percy, Master, From Rotterdam, but last from Deal, as p. clearance thence. Qualified Aug. 17, 1733:

HANS JACOB (K) KAEMMERLIN

No less than 3 sources documenting his arrival. Also, what is of importance is source one indicates his age of 24 in 1733 placing his birth year at 1709.

How long he stayed in Philadelphia is unknown at this time. He could have been an indentured servant and served out a 7 year term.

He was single and unmarried and young and living in Philadelphia by 1733.

However, another point of interest is in 1738 Augusta County, Virginia Colony was created.

1738 Creation of Augusta County, Virginia

Augusta County was formed in 1738 from Orange County, although the county government was not organized until 1745. It was named for Augusta of Saxe-Gotha, Princess of Wales and mother of the future King George III of the United Kingdom. Originally, Augusta County was a vast territory with an indefinite western boundary. Most of what is now West Virginia as well as all of Kentucky were formed from it, and it also claimed the territory north and west of those areas, theoretically all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

The creation of Augusta County is important because much of our Kimberling's timeline concerns Augusta County, Virginia...British Colony.

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MARRIAGE OF HANS JACOB & MARY MAGDALENA (RHINEHART) KÜMMERLEIN

The next event in his life would be his marriage to Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**).

In order to find the marriage record of Hans and Mary one needs to know his history after he arrived in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Colonies. As a researcher, I would look for other Rhinehart families in the area.

Since, I feel Hans and Mary were of Catholic or Protestant faith, then checking the local Catholic Churches or Protestant Churches might reveal his religious affiliation. Once his religious affiliation has been determined then, check the churches for his marriage and/or children's baptism records.

Checking the deed books might reveal if he had bought property in Philadelphia or was an indentured servant. Pay particular attention to the court records of Philadelphia around 1733-1750.

I suspect they were married in either Pennsylvania or Augusta County, Virginia. Since I physically cannot and have not made a field trip to Philadelphia or Augusta County, Virginia, then I cannot check those records. First place to look is in the libraries for books that have been published about the families and vital records of the area.

Sometime before or after Hans was married circa 1745-1750, he became a statistic on the Cumberland trail into Augusta County, Virginia. These sojourns usually took place with groups of relatives and/or friends.

This move is predicated on when Hans sold property, if any, in Pennsylvania and purchased property in Augusta County, Virginia. Checking land records in Philadelphia might reveal his transaction dates.

You can order the microfilm on the deeds from this area from the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. <https://familysearch.org/catalog-search>

Remember to search first by country, then by state, then by county.

THE CHILDREN BEGIN TO ARRIVE...

In 1751, his son; Peter Paulzer Kimberling was born either in Pennsylvania or Augusta County, Virginia.

This is why finding out when Hans Jacob bought and sold property is so vital in order to ascertain his resident location and thereby the birth of his children.

Now, am I convinced that Peter was the firstborn? Not necessarily so. However, church records are vital in determining when and where he was born as well as Peter's status in the birth order of this family.

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Usually, families back in the 1700's-1800's lived in close proximity to other families in which, their sons and daughter's inter-married. They also attended church together and worshiped within the same faith.

This is why finding out where the Wright, Pitzer, Hines, Parsinger and Mayberry families were living in and around Augusta County, Virginia would probably yield the local church and family records.

Remember, you are looking at 1750 Augusta County, which comprised of most of the now known state of Virginia and West Virginia, Tennessee, Illinois all the way to the Mississippi River.

It appears, depending on when they left Philadelphia, they moved between 1750-1763 to Augusta County, Virginia. This date can be more exact by checking the Court records in Augusta County for Hans Jacob Kimberling transactions.

Until his family's arrival date can be established in Augusta County, this indicates that son; Peter Paulzer Kimberling was born in either the Pennsylvania Colonies or Augusta County, Virginia around 1751-1752.

Unknown if he was the firstborn depending on when his parents were married, but he is the first seriously researched and recorded and all the rest of the known children were born after this date.

Peter was followed by siblings; Johann Michael in 1753; Rhinehart in 1755; Hans Jacob Jr. in 1757; Mary (**KIMBERLING**) in 1758-1760; Elizabeth (**KIMBERLING**) in 1760-1763; Christiana (**KIMBERLING**) in 1762-1763. It looks like most were born in Augusta County, Virginia.

So the key to validating our Hans Jacob Kümmerlein appears to be contained in books, court records, marriage records, church records, deed records and other sources in Augusta County, Virginia.

1763 DEATH OF HANS JACOB KÜMMERLEIN SR.

According to various sources, Indians killed him in 1763 in Tazewell County, Virginia.

Many records have indicated this information but as usual people recording this information into their trees failed to do their homework.

1799 Tazewell County, Virginia Created

Tazewell County was created on December 20, 1799. The land for the county was taken from portions of Wythe and Russell counties. It was named after Henry Tazewell, a United States Senator from Virginia, state legislator and judge. Delegate Littleton Waller Tazewell originally opposed the formation of the new county but when Simon Cotterel, who drew up the bill to form the county, changed the originally proposed name of the county to Tazewell's namesake, in honor of his father Henry who had died months earlier, the bill passed.

Therefore, his death may have been in what is now called Tazewell County, but back in 1763 Augusta County, Virginia was where he died. Augusta County was parent for Botetourt (1770), Fincastle (1772), Washington (1776), and Russell (1785) counties. Therefore, he was killed in 1763 in officially Augusta County, Virginia what is now located in Tazewell County, Virginia.

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[5] Source

"Records of Augusta Co., VA" 1745-1800: page 157:

In 1763 Michael Kimberling's father [Hans Jacob] made a settlement on now Kimberling's Fork of Walker's Creek in present Tazewell County, where he was killed by Indians.

This source is important in the fact it references not only that Michael is the son of Hans Jacob's but their residence was on Kimberling's Fork of Walker's Creek in Tazewell County, Virginia at the time **"Records of Augusta Co., VA"** book was published.

Reference to Kimberling: <http://www.rawbw.com/~hinshaw/cgi-bin/id?12150>

Kimberling Church Cemetery, north of Rural Retreat, Wythe County, Virginia

Also mentioned Walker's Creek in Tazewell, Wythe and Bland Counties.

For more information about Hans Jacob Kümmerlein and family I would, as a serious Kimberlin(g) researcher, search the records in the courthouse of Augusta County, Virginia.

Since Tazewell County had not been created until 1799, then the likelihood of records in later counties is unlikely concerning Hans Jacob.

MARY MAGDALENA (RHINEHART) KIMBERLING

After the death of her husband in 1763, on 20 August 1765, Mary Magdalena (RHINEHART) Kimberling was named as administratrix to her husband's estate.

[6] Source

"Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, extracted from the original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1800" by Lyman Chalkley, Page 123:

August 20, 1765: Mary Madalene Kimberland qualified administratrix of husband, Jacob Kimberlan. page 441.

Since Mary was involved in Hans Jacob's estate settlement, then the Augusta County courthouse probably houses all settlement papers which could be considerable since Hans, I feel, probably was a property owner.

Their children began to get married and settle in the surrounding counties as those counties were created and formed.

1770 Botetourt County, Virginia is created

Botetourt County was established in 1770 from Augusta County. The county is named for Norborne Berkeley Baron de Botetourt, more commonly known as Lord Botetourt (1718–1770), who was a popular governor of the Virginia Colony from 1768 to 1770, when he died suddenly while in office. In the 1770s, when Virginia claimed most of the Northwest Territory, which would later form all or part of six states, the land was initially divided between Botetourt and Augusta Counties.

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The territory that would eventually become the state of Kentucky was quickly removed from Botetourt, however, and became Fincastle County in 1772 and then Kentucky County in 1776.

Since many of Jacob and Mary's children settled in Botetourt and Fincastle Counties, this is where a serious researcher would focus their research for their descendants.

MY DIRECT LINE...

My direct line has been Mary (**KIMBERLIN**) whom married Alexander R. Pratt, her father; Rhinehart "Rinard" E. Kimberlin whom married Frances Jane (**PETERS**) from Botetourt and Giles County respectively.

Rinard's father; James Kimberling Sr. whom married Nancy (**HUMPHRIES**) from Botetourt County, his father; Peter Paulzer Kimberling whom married Sarah (**WRIGHT**) from Augusta County, Virginia, his father; Hans Jacob Kümmerlein.

For information concerning the parentage of Rhinehart "Rinard" E. Kimberlin read the following **"Rhinehart "Rinard" E. Kimberlin and his Questionable Parentage"** 2016 by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. at <https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists> under the list...**View From the Mast**

Therefore, my interest, being based in Missouri, was focused on my direct line ancestors. Not having the privilege of living in Virginia to investigate the archives in more detail, I was handicapped by not having access to records that are now available in abundance.

When I began my researching of the Kimberlings, the only records available were census and printed Virginia records and I relied heavily on Kimberling related **DAR applications**.

So, a serious Kimberling family researcher should have no excuse in finding additional records on the Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein family.

THE CHILDREN BEGIN TO MARRY...

Without looking at the original Botetourt County, Virginia marriage book housed in the courthouse, the first record of marriage for Jacob and Mary's children is son; Peter Paulzer Kimberling whom married Sarah (**WRIGHT**) on 6 January 1777 in Botetourt County, Virginia Colony.

[7] Source

"Marriages of some Residents 1607-1800" by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, Vol II, Page 96.

Paulser Kimberlain & Sarah Wright were married in 1777 in Botetourt Co., VA. She was the daughter of Peter Wright.

[8] Source

"Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853" by John Vogt and T. William Kethley Jr., Volume 1, 174: Palser Kimberling and Sarah Wright 6 January 1777; bondsman: Philip Fogle, witness: David May (clerk), consent: Peter Wright, father 4 January 1777 witnesses: Nancy Right & Jeny Right.

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The middle name Paulzer, Palser, Paulser, is significant in my opinion. I would not be surprised if it relates to Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kimberling's side of the family.

In 1778, daughter; Mary (**KIMBERLING**) married Jacob Parsinger Jr. on 10 November 1778 in Botetourt County, Virginia Colony

[9] Source

"Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853", Vol 2, Page 468:

Jacob Parsinger and Mary (**KIMNERLANE**) were married on 10 November 1778 in Botetourt Co., VA. Paulzer Kimberlane was surety.

Also, a few days later in 1778, daughter; Elizabeth (**KIMBERLING**) married John Parsinger on 14 November 1778 in Botetourt County, Virginia British Colony

[10] Source

"Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853", Vol 2, Page 468:

John Parsinger and Elizabeth (**KIMBERLANE**) were married on 14 Nov 1778 in Botetourt Co., VA. Paulzer Kimberland was surety. witness: Harry Innes & Charles Cameron

In 1782 daughter; Christina (**KIMBERLING**) married George Mayberry on 5 January 1782 in Botetourt County, Virginia British Colony

[11] Source

"Botetourt County Marriages 1770-1853", Vol 2, Page 468:

George Mayberry and Christian Kimberlane were married on 5 Jan 1782 in Botetourt Co., VA. Surety was Henry Mayberry. Consent: Mary and Palser Kimberling for Christeen Kimberling. Witness: John Neely, John Persinger, Jacob Persinger and Andrew Johnston.

THE DEATH OF MARY MAGDALENA (RHINEHART) KIMBERLING

In 1783, Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kimberling is on a tax list in Augusta County, Virginia.

[12] Source

1783 Augusta County, Virginia Tax Lists

"Captain Smith's Militia report of 1783":

Mary Kimberlin 2 horses, 18 cattle, 0 slaves.

Since I do not have access to the courthouse records of Augusta County, Virginia, then I cannot pinpoint her death date. Consequently, the 1783 tax list is the only and last record I have of her, which indicates she died after 1783 in Augusta County, Virginia in the newly created United States.

Her death location maybe near Kimberling Creek in Tazewell, Wythe or Bland counties. It looks like she died officially in Augusta County, Virginia but what is now Tazewell County, Virginia. Also, don't overlook Botetourt, Fincastle and surrounding counties for Kimberling data and information.

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In 1797, son; Hans Jacob Kimberling Jr. married Sarah (**HINES**) on 6 March 1797 in Knox County, Tennessee, which would indicate the western migration of the Kimberlings had already begun.

[12] Source

Knox County, Tennessee Marriage Record Book " ", page

Jacob Kimberlin and Sarah Hines were married on 6 March 1797 in Knox County, Tennessee.

The above marriage information and supporting documentation was obtained from the DAR National Number Reference #193102.

Son; Johan Michael Kimberling married a Catherine (**HUMPHRIES**) circa 1782 as some internet researchers have claimed, probably in Augusta County since the Humphries family were living there. Their marriage record I have not found, but I am sure a trip to Virginia would yield results especially in some church records.

There you have my notes and documentation concerning Hans Jacob Sr. & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein.

NAME ASSOCIATION...

I am a firm believer in name association. The family characteristic of naming their children and grandchildren after relatives is a strong indicator of family associations.

The Kimberling family was no exception. I have in my database over 196 Kimberling, Kimberlin relatives and their descendants.

Finding out who named their children John (Hans) or Jacob or Frederick and the frequency in which they named their children would indicate a relative association.

The given names John and Jacob have been handed down for at least 8 generations and are so numerous it is a given of ancestor association. But, let's take a look at the name Frederick taken from Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin.

In all the Kimberlin(g) given names I have Frederick pop up 4 times.

- [1] Madison Frederick Kimberling (1843) son of James Jr. & Phoebe Jane (**PINNELL**) Kimberling
- [2] Frederick "Fred" Kimberling (1884) son of William Wesley "Uncle Wes" & Phoebe America (**COX**) Kimberling
- [3] Frederick "Fred" Kimberling (1900) son of Frederick "Fred" & Nettie "Nanna" G. (**PETERSON**) Kimberling
- [4] Reuben Frederick "Fred" Kimberlin (1877) son of Joseph & Martha Jane (**ROZIER-PETERS**) Kimberlin

It is hard to determine if the Frederick was taken from the Kimberling side of the family or the mother's side of the family.

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But assuming it was taken from the Kimberlin(g) side of the family, the **first Frederick** that appears in the descendants of Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein family descendants **occurred 80 years after** the death of Hans Jacob Kümmerlein whom was killed by Indians in 1763!

This is not a strong indication that the name Frederick belonged to an ancestor of the descendants of Jacob Fridrich & Maria Magdalena (**SCHUEMACHER**) Kummerlin.

Concerning the maiden name of Maria Magdalena (**SCHUEMACHER**) Kummerlin...not one instance where the name has been repeated or copied or any reference made by the descendants of Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein family descendants!

Now let's take a look at the maiden name of Rhinehart of Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein.

The Rhinehart name has been passed down at least once in almost every one of their children and grandchildren's families including spousal surnames.

- [1] Rhinard Price Kimberlin (1863) son Jacob & Delilah (**HARPER**) Kimberlin
- [2] Rhinehart "Rinard" E. Kimberlin (1805) son of James & Nancy (**HUMPHRIES**) Kimberling
- [3] Mary Rhinehart (**KIMBERLING**) (1801) daughter of Hans Jacob Jr. & Sarah (**HINES**) Kimberling
- [4] Rhinehart Kimberling (1755) son of Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein
- [5] Rhinehart "Rinard" Pollard (1856) son of James "Jim" & Nancy (**KIMBERLIN**) Pollard
- [6] Rhinehart "Rinard" Pratt (1873) son of Alexander R. & Mary (**KIMBERLIN**) Pratt
- [7] Rhinehart "Rinard" A. Pratt (1856) son of James & Catherine (**KIMBERLIN**) Pratt

Since, I don't have all the Kimberling descendants filled in of each and everyone of the Kimberling families including spousal families, then the Pitzer, Parsinger, Mayberry and Matthews families are not represented for either the Frederick or Rhinehart names.

However, the evidence is clear, even Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein named one of their sons...Rhinehart in 1755.

Where the older researchers found Mary's maiden name (**RHINEHART**) is unknown to me at this time. I probably knew back in the 1980's when I last researched this family, but have forgotten.

I suspect the answer is in the DAR Library in Washington D.C. If one could check the applications on the Kimberlin(g) name, would probably hold the evidence. Also, I am sure with a little Philadelphia research the proof of their marriage is there.

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JACOB FRIDRICH KUMMERLIN AND HANS JACOB KÜMMERLEIN SR.

Could Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin be one and the same as Hans Jacob Kümmerlein...I don't think so!

[1] Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin arrived in Pennsylvania in 1750.

- Hans Jacob Kümmerlein came to Philadelphia in 1733 from several documented sources.

[2] Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin was married twice and came with a spouse named Maria Magdalena (**SCHUEMACHER**) Kummerlin and married in Germany.

- Hans Jacob Kümmerlein was 24 when he arrived in Philadelphia and married around 1845-1850 to a Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) probably in Pennsylvania.

[3] Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin is reported to have married in 1741 in a county that didn't exist until 1769. Or, he married in Germany in 1744.

[4] None of my Hans Jacob Kummerlein children have named a child...Schuemacher.

[5] The given name Frederick is so remote to the Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin ancestor as to make it obscure as a direct link to that ancestor.

- However, the maiden name of Rhinehart has been repeated no less than 7 times in the descendants of Hans Jacob & Mary Magdalena (**RHINEHART**) Kümmerlein.

If Peter Paulzer Kimberling is the son of Jacob Fridrich & Maria Magdalena (**SCHUEMACHER**) Kummerlin; then where are the church records to lend support to these claims?

After all Peter Paulzer was born in either Pennsylvania or Augusta County, Virginia, surely the Kimberlings attended church and had their children baptized as customary for faithful German immigrants.

The proof and validation is in some old church repository and has not yet been discovered.

I am always disappointed with researches that want their family information handed to them without doing the legwork. Where were they when researchers like my self made the journey from St. Louis in the 1980's and searched the library books of the DAR in Washington D.C.?

Where were they when we sat for hours in front of microfilm machines and scanned documents, census and deed records?

And where were they, when we sat in dusty courthouse vaults looking at the original documents trying to fill in the holes of our family history?

It has been 35 years since I began my research and the Kimberling family has been one branch of over 300 branches I have researched. My main interest in the Kimberlin(g) family had to do with the Missouri descendants.

PETER PAULSER KIMBERLING...WHO ARE YOUR PARENTS?

BY Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. 2011

What I found at the DAR library was mostly on the Wright family back to England and I did not have enough time to fully research the Kimberling family of Virginia.

Based on the additional information concerning Jacob Fridrich & Maria Magdalena (**SCHUEMACHER**) Kummerlin, it seems other researchers have jumped to claim them as their own without much proof or documentation.

I am not convinced they are one and the same persons until I see new documentation linking Jacob Fridrich Kummerlin to Hans Jacob Kümmerlein. Therefore, they are two separate people with two separate families and even if other researchers want to lump their children from both families into one family, I will stick by my research.

I am sure, when church records are found, deed and probate records, newspapers articles, and other supporting documentation, then the answers will be discovered and help in solving this confusion.

I have waited for 35 years for a serious Kimberlin(g) researcher to fill in the holes and answer these questions and since none have taken up the mantle, then I guess I will have to wait another 35 years and maybe longer.

*Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.
12 April 2011*



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Personal artifacts from our author

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By

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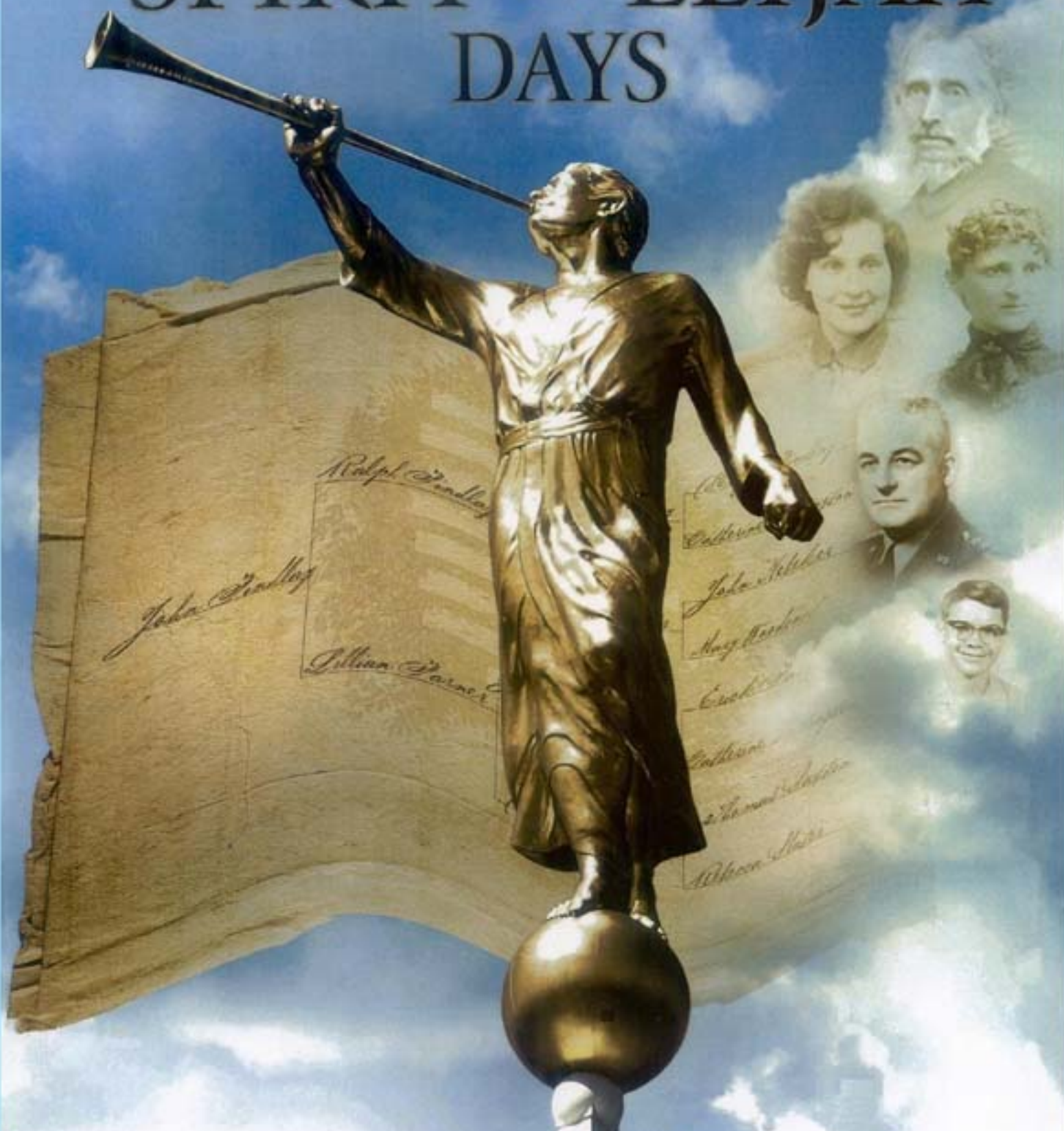
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With the help of the Lord, a decision was made to post these publications on various websites, one in particular website called "Open Library". This article instructs you on how to access the websites and books I have posted.

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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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For an interesting account of why I decided to post my collection on the internet for free access by researchers read “**Wrap it up**” 2014 by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. This article can be accessed at <https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists> under the list labeled...**View From The Mast.**

Open Library is a catalog of millions of free online digital books. Open Library does not store these books in their repository but gives the researcher access to various websites where these books are located and accessible for download. The actual location of my books are at a website called Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/index.php> paste the address in your internet address bar for access.

To gain access all of my publications begin with the following website...
<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

I am currently posting my publications to this catalog website and as I finish preparing my books, articles, stories and commentaries they are housed at Internet Archive but you can access them from Open Library. I will be updating my postings so keep checking back for newly posted material.

When you open this page in Open Library, you will see a group of 10 **lists** under my authorship.

[1] Read each list and description

[2] Open each list and read and observe the book titles that have been currently posted. When you find a subject of interest, follow the steps below for access.

[3] Click on the title of the book and you will see the contents and information concerning the publication.

[4] On the right hand side you will see icons labeled Read and Read Online and PDF. Click on PDF and Open Library will take you to the website of Internet Archive, a repository of digital books open to the public for free.

[5] When my title page opens up, in the lower right hand corner will be an icon of a floppy disk. I suggest you save this book to your computer so you can read it at your leisure.

If you are having trouble accessing these books, as long as I am alive, I can send them to you through your email if you request.

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DONATIONS

I offer these publications freely to the public with the hope I can save you time, money and effort so you will not have to duplicate work already posted. If my work helps you in your pursuit of your ancestry and you wish to donate a small token of your appreciation for my contribution to your research, you can send your gratuity to Floyd Pratt, 15434 East Ford Circle Apt A-1, Aurora, Colorado 80017.

I have received unsolicited donations as small as a restaurant gift card to a check for \$350 for services rendered. The amount is not important, just the satisfaction...other family history researchers appreciate my hard earned endeavors over the last 40 years. Regardless, I am glad to be of service and if I can help you in the future please inquire. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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POTENTIAL PROBLEMS ACCESSING THESE BOOKS

Using Windows XP with Google Chrome as your Browser

It has come to my attention when using Widows XP and accessing Open Library at my link of

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If I use Google Chrome as my browser, after choosing my book of choice and clicking the PDF on the right...I am immediately shown a **RED** page stating the following...

This Site Ahead Contains Harmful Programs

Attackers on ia801504.us.archive.org might attempt to trick you into installing that harm your browsing experience (for example, by changing your home page or showing extra Ads on sites you visit.)

Details

Back to Safety

When you click on Details the following appears...

Google Safe Browsing recently found harmful programs on ia801504.us.archive.org.

If you understand the risks to your security, you may visit this site before the harmful programs have been removed.

I always ignore this page and click on **visit this site** which take me directly to my book on Internet Archive.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

This warning has nothing to do with my publications; I suspect some publishers, writers and authors have made deals with software manufactures to allow them to attach unwanted adware and other programs to their books earning them additional compensation.

MOZILLA FIREFOX BROWSER

When I switched my browser to Mozilla Firefox using Bing and using the same link to Open Library there is no message as above. In fact, it takes you directly to Internet Archive and my book.

<https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>

I have been noticing problems with Google Chrome for several months, for example, not only is it slow, but when I visit www.findagrave.com after a few minutes letters and words on the memorials begin to disappear and are replaced with gibberish and lines rendering the site unusable. But when I use Firefox as my browser I do not have that problem.

Also, I found when I try to use my old Internet Explorer as my browser and I post the open library link as stated above if it does take you to my Lists page, when you select a book as a PDF it states it cannot make the connection.

I wrote to Open Library concerning this issue and their reply was the following...

Open Library Support 11:15 AM (21 hours ago)
26 November 2015

to me

Hi and thank you for contacting us,

Pretty sure you are getting this message because one page on the domain Open Library is trying to access and potentially download content on another domain archive.org. Some browsers and malware detectors see this as a potential threat because a page could be loading content from a nefarious site unbeknownst to you. This is how our site is set up to work however, so you are welcome to ignore that warning message.

Thanks for using openlibrary.org and archive.org

The Open Library Team/jw
openlibrary@archive.org

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Mozilla Firefox is a faster browser and works great. However, for those of you who are still using Google Chrome or Internet Explorer I suggest another approach.

- [1] If you already know the name of the book you wish to access
- [2] Go directly to <https://archive.org/index.php> by copying the address and pasting it in your browser address bar
- [3] There is a search bar in the middle of the page and type the title of the book then click on GO
- [4] It will bring up the title and my name and a short description...click on the title
- [5] The title page will appear on the right hand column under Download Options will be the PDF
- [6] Unfortunately the same red page posted by Google Chrome (if you are still using Google Chrome) appears but click on the **details** and then the **visit the site** and then it gives you full access to the book and on the right you see the floppy disk for download.

I think it would be quicker to go through Open Library if you are using Google Chrome or Internet Explorer.

If you are still having problems then email me and I will send the book through our email connections.

When you are at the Internet Archive website, click on my name under the title of the book and it will show you how many of my books, articles or stories have been posted as of this date.

That's why I like Open Library because I can breakdown these books into Lists so I can keep track of them.

USING WINDOWS 7 WITH FIREFOX AS YOUR BROWSER

When I tried going to Open Library I had no problem. When I clicked on a book and clicked the PDF icon I got a little red page stating.

Reported Unwanted Software Page

This Web page on ia801504.us.archive.org has been reported to contain unwanted software and has been blocked based on your security preferences. Unwanted software pages try to install unwanted software that can be deceptive and affect your system in unexpected ways.

Get me Out of here

Why was this page blocked?

Ignore this warning

I clicked on the "Ignore this warning" button and it took me directly to my book.

My only conclusion is that some books on Internet Archive may have had hackers attaching software programs to some of the millions of books they house.

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If you surf their website and browse their millions of books and download a bunch of their books then you might pick up one of these free riding software programs. However, if you stick to my books and just download them only, I don't think you have anything to worry about.

I do not have any programs attached to these books. However, I will investigate other repositories where I can post these books for your free access, but I am sure they all suffer this problem.

I have not received any complaints, comments concerning Internet Archive about problems with these downloads so, I assume we are good. According to their records my books have had hundreds of downloads.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Like anything you see for free on the Internet, beware nothing is free in this world.

We are taught as Latter Day Saints there are three worlds in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. First the Celestial World where he and others reside, known as the highest kingdom, then there is the Terrestrial World, where good people reside but they were not valiant in this life and then there is the Telestial World who are of people who were the least valiant and righteous.

[http://www.mormonwiki.com/Celestial, Terrestrial, and Telestial Kingdoms](http://www.mormonwiki.com/Celestial,_Terrestrial,_and_Telestial_Kingdoms)

This earth in its present state is a representation of the Telestial World. If you don't like it here and you are spiritual then you are probably destined for a higher spiritual world. Because this world contains people who are a mixture of the above three worlds, we have so much evil.

So, what you download from the Internet and they state it is "**free**" be wary, they make deals with the manufacturer, publisher and suppliers by compensating them if they will allow the software companies to "attach" their ads, offers and solicitations to their free downloads.

I have made no deals or accepted any offers from any company to be compensated for my free downloaded books. Therefore, you can rest assured my downloaded books are and should be free from these adware or unsolicited programs.

However, I recommend a highly qualified program at <http://www.malwarebytes.org/>

My son-in-law is a professional IT manager and software expert for several companies and checking with the Best-Buy software technicians they concur the above program is one of the best on the market and used by professionals.

You can download a free trial sample at that website to see just how good it is. I just now scanned my computer for threats and the above program Malwarebytes found 5 harmful programs and with a click of a button they were removed.

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So, what I suggest, when you see one of those warning pages, just ignore the warning and when it displays my cover page, download my book as soon as you see the disc icon on the lower right for download.

MY LISTS ON OPEN LIBRARY AND THEIR DESCRIPTIONS

Presently there are 10 lists under my authorship posted on Open Library. They are not in any order but the categories are as follows...

Cradle to Grave Profiles (C2G)

Over the years, I found it necessary to organize my notes concerning individuals into a chronological format beginning with their birth date and various events all through their lives accumulating with their death and burial locations. As I formulated this research, I labeled my efforts aptly named the Cradle to Grave Profiles (C2G).

These profiles have become famous to family history researches due to their detailed documented facts containing material from rare and hard to find resources.

These mini-biographies present all the known research material available to the author concerning that individual at the time of their creation.

Using this style of recording data concerning our ancestor's life, allows the researcher to insert, move, delete, change and follow their subject's life events without losing track of their timeline.

Another advantage of using this type of documentation helps the researcher at a glance, to focus on the locale and time period where additional repositories containing information concerning their subject may be located.

Events such as political, historical and environmental are illustrated as well as legal documents, newspapers and historical records to acclimate the reader during the time frame of that ancestor's lifetime. Even though this series utilizes the following documents, some of these publications do not contain the actual copy of maps, legal documents and pictures concerning the subject's life.

The more comprehensive publications, i.e., The Pratt Chronicles... enhance these mini-biographies with actual copies of the documents pertaining to that individual's life.

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Family vital information of all known spouses and children are included as it pertains to the subject's timeline. What makes these reports so useful to the family history researcher is the documented evidence chronologically presented with verified proof of these events during the life of the subject prevents the reader from asking, "Where did they get that information?"

Creating a Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile is the first step in formatting a biography and is the foundation for writing a book on the life of your subject.

Be mindful, over the last 40 years of family history research I have created thousands of C2G Profiles of which only a few are listed here. If you do not see someone you are interested in, email me at floydpratt59@gmail.com and I will check my 55,000-name database and will post what I have on your ancestor.

Literary History Series

Literary History Series contains rare books concerning family history written by various authors...many who are deceased. These books were acquired over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in any genealogical library. These books are offered freely to help advance family history knowledge.

Pratt Progenitor Papers

Pratt Progenitor Papers by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. is a series of a collection of descendant information covering an individual and 2 or more generations of descendants.

Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles.

The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants.

View From the Mast...

Over the years I have found it necessary to write articles concerning observations of family history or what I call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

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Having a unique perspective from the top of the mast on the sailing ship of discovery, I have sailed through the waters of research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details I have witnessed during my voyage.

Pratt-Bach Ancestral Trilogies

This list is not a book but a directory of books attributed to one progenitor. This directory directs the reader to the appropriate locations where the books can be accessed. Only progenitors who have had at least three, books, articles, stories or commentaries will be admitted to this list.

These books can be personal testimonies of the life of the individual, life recollections concerning the individual, Ancestral Family Histories of the individual and Cradle to Grave Profiles of the named individual.

This list was created to help the family history researcher find, locate, access and save these valuable books concerning our collective family history. Authored by Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt F.H.C. and Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Ancestral Family Histories (AFH)

The Pratt Progenitor Papers comprises of a selected ancestor and reporting on their descendants for a numbered generations. This is known as a descendency book. Under the PPP format, all known descendants are represented in that book including each child and their spouse for a chosen number of subsequent generations.

The Ancestral Family History (AFH) consists of choosing a **living descendant**, and producing a book from the descendant following **direct line ancestors** as far as the research has been completed.

This type of format is known as a pedigree chart listing as many as 30 to 50 generations concerning the number of ancestors of that individual.

Much more than pedigree charts, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

Due to the extensive research, I have acquired over the last 40 years, I have accumulated a vast amount of family history information on thousands of people and it is not uncommon for these books to generate over 800 pages.

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Pratt Archive Collections

This Collection comprises of a series of books containing cemetery records, family histories, biographies and various books compiled by individual authors.

Genealogical Institute

Over the past 38 years, Mr. Pratt has observed a lack of organized research efforts to help the serious genealogy researcher.

One organization...the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and their Family History Center has been a magnificent repository of information needed to help advance genealogical research. However, even that institution is at the mercy of individuals who are willing to donate their publications and research. Consequently, a multitude of research material never makes it to their doors.

The Genealogical Institute was created to offer superb tools to help the genealogical researcher in three vital areas... research, academic and publication. The tools and courses within have been designed to assist the public in genealogical research and help fill the void in their genealogical education.

Vital Text Series

This category offers public records including but not exclusive...marriages, deeds, census and various documents from County Courthouse Records in Missouri.

Scrutinized and compiled by this author for accuracy and cross referenced with census and family histories to ensure the most complete and accurate records available in print today.

The Pratt Chronicles Series

A unique collection of biographies on various ancestors. Enhancing the Cradle to Grave (C2G) format with pictures, newspaper articles, legal documents, census records, yearly newsworthy events and an annual synopsis of the individual's life and activities.

Under each category list are multiple books concerning related topics for that particular category.

My purpose is to leave behind family history research for future generations to help save them time, effort and money allowing them to forge new research into newly discovered records without a duplication of effort.

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I am posting new material at Open Library almost on a weekly basis so check back often to see what is new or what I would suggest, email me and ask me if there are any new books on the family lines you are interested in.

I have amassed so much material over the last 40 years, which has not been posted; if you ask, I will work on your request to expedite your books of interest. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.
20 November 2015

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, **Pratt Progenitor Papers**. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt’s ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John’s Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750’s and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father’s name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 79 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children.

The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

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Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Courses These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

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